

# City Christian Preschool

Great Education. Great Values. Great Fun.



## November Newsletter

---

### Happy Thanksgiving!

November is here and fall is in full swing. This month we will learn about the very first Thanksgiving. The Pilgrims had much to fear, but relied on God's provision to get them through all of their troubles. The Thanksgiving meal was a celebration of their thankfulness for God's wonderful provision in their lives.

Take some time this season to plant some seeds of thankfulness in your preschooler's heart. Help them to see how mightily God works in their everyday lives.

We will also take time this month to focus on our manners with others and at the table (just in time for that big family meal...)! Hold your child accountable for good manners—a simple good morning with a smile goes a long way in relationships with others.

We are so thankful for each moment we get to spend with your children, watching them grow and mature (so quickly!). Have a wonderful Thanksgiving season!

### Important Thoughts...

⇒ Find our photos at [www.shutterfly.com](http://www.shutterfly.com), email address: [emccreith@citychristianschool.com](mailto:emccreith@citychristianschool.com), password: preschool.

⇒ Lock your vehicles in the parking lot and do not leave children or valuables unattended. There are many different people on our campuses during the day and we want to be safe!

---

### ***Important Dates...***

- *November 25-26*  
*NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving*
- *November 2 & 17*  
*Show-N-Tell*
- *December 23-27*  
*NO SCHOOL Christmas*



# Meet our staff: Rocky Butte Campus



## **Miss Gilda, Rocky Butte Campus Supervisor, Preschool Class Teacher**

Gilda Smith has been teaching at City Christian Preschool for three years. She has a wide variety of experience in working with all ages of people. Gilda has been a member of City Bible Church for many years and is actively involved with many ministries in the church body. "Miss Gilda" is a very enthusiastic teacher and finds teaching preschool very exciting—she never knows what will happen next!

## **Miss Lorena, Pre-Kindergarten Class Teacher**

Lorena Franco has been a valuable part of City Bible Church for many years. Lorena has a heart for children and has served in many different ways in our Children's Ministries department and our school. Currently, Lorena is serving with the Stitches Bus ministry and is in her second school year with our preschool. Lorena is also a recent graduate of Eastern Oregon University, earning her degree in Education. "Miss Lorena" is amazed at how much the preschoolers learn and is happy to work with a staff that are committed to their job and passionate about teaching.



## **Miss Nona, Aide**

This is Nona King's second school year in our Pre-Kindergarten classroom. "Miss Nona" loves working with preschool age students and enjoys being an assistant. Nona is a graduate of Portland Bible College and has raised her family at City Bible Church. She homeschooled her four sons and ran her own in-home child care. She just celebrated the birth of her first grandchild this summer and is expectantly awaiting the second.



## **Miss Heidi, Aide**

This is Heidi Syfrett's second school year in our preschool program. Heidi has grown up at City Bible Church and is active in our Generation Unleashed ministry. Heidi spent 7 years as a nanny and has also helped out in the nursery program for Children's Ministries. Working with preschoolers is very rewarding for "Miss Heidi" because she never knows what to expect from them. "They say the funniest things!"



## **Miss Mikala, Afternoon Teacher**

Mikala Ide began working at our preschool last fall. Mikala came from Tri-Cities, WA to attend Portland Bible College. In the Tri-Cities, she worked in a Christian school as a teacher in a preschool program. When Mikala is not attending PBC, she is teaching for us. "Miss Mikala" loves things that preschoolers say. She also likes to see the potential in kids, witnessing how much they change over their time in the preschool program.

# Farm Dress Up Day!



Rocky Butte



Mill Plain



217



## Activity Corner...

Here's a fun activity to share with your preschooler—these projects will strengthen their fine motor skills.

### Transfer Station

Place two bowls and a sponge on a tray. Partially fill one bowl with water. Challenge a child to transfer the water from bowl to bowl by repeatedly dipping the sponge into the water, then squeezing it over the empty bowl. Have him continue dipping and squeezing it over the empty bowl. Have him continue dipping and squeezing until the water has been moved. Drip-drop!

From The Mailbox Superbook, Preschool

Ada E Goren (Ed.)

Make it at home... (this makes a BIG batch)

### **Pumpkin Pie Play-Dough**

5 1/2 cups flour

2 cups Salt

8 tsp. cream of tarter

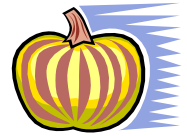
1 1/2 oz. pumpkin pie spice

3/4 cup oil

5 cups water

Orange food coloring (2 parts yellow, 1 part red)

Mix ingredients together in large pan. Cook and stir until mixture thickens and pulls away from pan. Cool slightly, kneed until smooth. Store in airtight container.



## Poems

### 5 Little Ducks

5 little ducks went out to play  
Over the hills and far away  
Momma duck said "Quack, Quack,  
Quack!" But only 4 little ducks came  
waddling back.  
(Repeat; 4 little ducks...  
3 little ducks...  
2 little ducks...  
1 little duck...)

But no little ducks came waddling back!

Then daddy duck said "Quack, Quack,  
Quack!"

5 little ducks cam waddling back!

### Table Manners

I use my good manners  
As much as I'm able.  
I remember to keep  
My arms off the table.  
I use fork or spoon;  
I stay in my seat.  
I wipe with a napkin  
And keep fingers neat.  
I say "May I please have...?"  
And also "Thank You!"  
I keep my mouth closed  
As I quietly chew.  
I use my good manners;  
I never act rude,  
For good table manners  
Go well with good food!

